

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

“Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel.”



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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

April is upon us. Usually that means Easter is coming. But we already have celebrated the resurrection this year with an early Easter! Warmer weather also starts happening, but that has been happening on and off since, well ever. So then what makes April so special this year?

Well I could begin by making a good joke, because who doesn't love April Fool's Day? But I won't do that. We don't have to have anything special going on to have a special time. We don't need a holiday or some big event to make our time holy. So this month what I encourage us all to do is find those moments. Find those moments that when everything seems slow and we are just waiting for the next big thing, use those times to actually draw closer to God. For it is in the every day that God can show us who he truly is.

He can show up and use us at any time. We don't need a reason, holiday, or anything else to draw us closer to him. And if we do that, then maybe April will end up being special after all.

This month in worship we will be looking at two very related post resurrection moments. The first is the religious leaders response to the empty tomb. We will be looking at how they responded to this news that Jesus has been raised from the dead. The second week of April we will be looking at Paul's comments on who Jesus appeared to after the resurrection. What will these two weeks teach us how to live in a post-resurrection world?

The third Sunday of April we will be looking at that famous story between two brothers. Cain and Abel. What a pair those two made.

And then finally on the fourth Sunday of April we will be having our Parent-Child Dedication Service. You don't want to miss being a part of this special moment between child, parent, and church.

So what will you do to make this month special? How will you draw yourself closer to God?

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Missions Committee Mtg 5:00 Youth	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>30</i>				



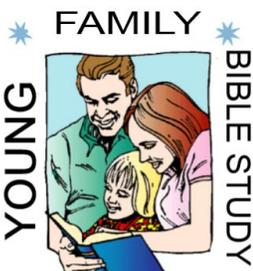
April is my second favorite month...after December! It just feels like the Earth has come alive again! Growing up it was my second favorite month because it's my birthday month! There was nothing like your birthday when you were younger....the parties, gifts, my Mama's famous pound cake covered in her yummy frosting and Daddy always gave me a box of Russell Stover Turtles!

This birthday month means I've reached that Medicare age! As I have gotten older I find that I still love my birthday! It's not the parties and gifts anymore (but I would do anything to have another one of my Mama's delicious cakes or Daddy's gift of the Turtles)....it's the fact that I am blessed to celebrate another year on this beautiful Earth. I am blessed to have another year with Jimmy watching our children as parents, our grandchildren enjoying life, and being a part of this Church family.

The white hair has come along with a few aches and pains but I am always reminded of God's love, no matter what age I may be celebrating!

"I will be your God throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4

Laura



We invite families with young children to our young family Bible Study on Wednesdays **April 10th & 17th**, at 6:00 P.M. We will have music, crafts, and a Bible Study. We look forward to seeing the children discover their faith and take their first steps in their walk with Christ.



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services.

If you can't be with us at church then join us online for our Virtual Sunday Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

APRIL 7

Rumors Spread

Matthew 28:11-15

APRIL 14

No More Rumors

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

APRIL 21

The Tale Of Two Brothers

Genesis 4:2b-16

APRIL 28

Raise Them Up

Proverbs 22:6

Parent-Child Dedication



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 10th**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we

report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **April 7th**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our

deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



It is April already! The church was beautifully decorated with gorgeous lilies in remembrance or in honor of special loved ones. We cannot thank everyone enough for all the flower donations. Our church is so special!!

If you would like to place flowers in church this month all dates but the 28th are available.

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com,
Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.
Lydia Lanser, (252)586-2133.

You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

Thank you again for all you do. You are so amazing!



Youth will be meeting Sunday, **April 14th** and **28th** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study. This is always a wonderful time for the youth to gather and build their relationship with God.



MISSION MOMENTS

Happy Spring!! Warm weather brings out the best in people. There are smiles and hugs everywhere. Happy Christians are just as beautiful as the flowers that are starting to brighten our world.

Missions is something we do. Missions is showing how much we care. Missions is sharing and caring. There are many ways to "do" missions in our church, community and world. Smile at that stranger and say "Hello!" like you mean it. Send a card to someone you haven't seen in a while. Call a shut-in or better yet, go visit. Mission is caring and you are the one.

Our Children's Carnival is next month, **May 18th**. We will need all hands on deck to make it a fun, loving day for our children. We will need lots of workers the day before and the day of the carnival. There are easy jobs - giving smiles and there are fulfilling jobs - playing "Go Fish" in the hot sunshine. We need your ideas and help. This is an important day in the life of our church. It is one way we "Do" Missions.

Don't forget to collect those new and nearly new books to give to our children. It is always a special place at our carnival as children pick out a book or two that becomes theirs.

Happy Spring!!



"We will be receiving offerings for NC Baptist On Mission this month which shares the love of Christ with people going through crisis. Our church has participated in hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding disasters. NC Baptist on Mission travels outside our boundaries from helping people after Hurricanes to helping refugees from Ukraine. Please help with your prayers and gifts."



BABY DEDICATION

On Sunday, **April 28th**, during our 11:00 A.M. worship we will be having baby dedication. Over the past year, we have had a wonderful influx of new life in our church and it is time to celebrate these births. We are so pleased to be dedicating these babies into the life of our church as we call the parents, congregation, and children to pray for and lead these new children into knowing Jesus.

Caden Edward Myrick

Ethan Hayes Kearney

Lucas Josiah Little



The Missions Committee will meet in the fellowship hall following Morning Worship on Sunday, **April 14th**. Members of the committee are: Clyde Johnston, Chairperson; Melinda Harris, Mike Crawley, Lee Myrick, Sandra Lynch, Sara Little, David Tripp and Darlene Kocich.



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL

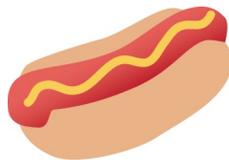
John 3:16 Center

407 East End Avenue

Littleton, North Carolina

Saturday, May 18, 2023

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Preschool Games, Crafts,
Face Painting, Free Hot
Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy,
Snow Cones, Popcorn &
Goodie Bags



Invite your friends and join us
for this free fun day together!

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APRIL

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman (19 yrs) 27 Caitlyn Phillis (11 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (45 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (42 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (76 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (18 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (33 yrs) 25 Jim & Lynne Skilton (37 yrs) 29 Don & Lydia Lanser (20 yrs)	7 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 14 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 21 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 28 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Jeff Burton